

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Lawrence P. Robinson (Robbie) was initiated as an Elk in Manassas, Virginia, in 1954, and served in several elected and appointed offices, including Exalted Ruler; and

WHEREAS, while serving as Exalted Ruler, he was the delegate to the National Convention held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and participated in the parade which marched down the famous boardwalk to the convention center which, in those days, was quite an accomplishment for a group of blacks; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, he moved to Alexandria and demitted to Alexandria Lodge #48 and immediately became involved in the activities of the Lodge, especially the Education Department, and he was appointed to the Local Committee; and

WHEREAS, he was later appointed Chairman, and with the support of dedicated Local Committee members, the Alexandria Education Association became well-recognized in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson is a member of Alexandria Lodge #48, Northern Virginia Past Exalted Ruler's Council #25 and a member of Universal Lodge #1, Free & Accepted Prince Hall Masons, the oldest lodge in the State of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, he serves on numerous boards and committees in the City, and has been a member of the Departmental Progressive Club since 1967, serving on the Board of Directors and as President and Financial Secretary; and

WHEREAS, he and his wife, Evangeline, have three children: Sharon, Warren and Deborah, three grandchildren, and three great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robinson was named "Elk of the Year" by The Virginia State Association of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of the Elks of the World at its 79th Annual Convention in Charlottesville, Virginia, May 24-29, 2002; and

WHEREAS, as the memories of September 11 are still fresh in our minds, the organization chose for their theme: "**VIRGINIA IBPO ELKS — STRONG, UNITED, AMERICANS SUPPORTING OUR COUNTRY BY SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES**" to reaffirm, during this difficult time, their "strong commitment to service that is a trademark of the Elks";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby congratulate Past Grand Exalted Ruler Lawrence P. Robinson on the honor of being named "Elk of the Year," and do hereby recognize the many religious, charitable, patriotic, and benevolent services that the Elks perform in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 24th day of September 2002.

KERRY J. DONLEY **MAYOR**

On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC City Clerk